

**City of Takoma Park**  
**THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE NEIGHBORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

October 25, 2005

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The City of Takoma Park Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 25th, 2005 in the Provost's Office Conference Room on the Montgomery College Campus, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present:	Arlene Markowicz, Richard Weil, Morelyn Weisman, Kathy Jentz, Lorraine Pearsall, Paul Chrostowski, Frances Phipps, Stacy Gurian-Sherman, Sally Brucker
Members Absent:	Bernard Aronson, James Evans
Staff Present:	Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner
Others Present:	Joy Austin-Lane, Councilmember, Brad Stewart, Provost, Howard Stanley, Director of Facilities, David Capp, Chief of Facilities, Jennie Wells

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**1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00**

**2. Minutes**

After a discussion and minor changes the minutes were unanimously adopted.

**3. Discussion and Adoption of Bylaws**

Some edits still need to be included. Joy will show changes on a new set. Bylaws were adopted with minor revisions.

**4. Nominations and Elections of Officers**

Richard Weil was nominated and elected to the position of Chair, Lorraine Pearsall was nominated and elected to the position of First Vice-Chair and Stacy Gurian-Sherman was nominated and elected to Second Vice-Chair.

**5. Traffic and Circulation Issues on New York Avenue - Ride-On is still an issue - Ilona to resend number to call for idling buses. Montgomery College will check if the Montgomery College security is able to get authority to ticket idlers/people stopped/double parked on NY Avenue.**

Francis Phipps suggested a subcommittee to identify character of streets in the vicinity of Montgomery College as primary (primarily institutional/commuter), secondary, and tertiary (primarily residential).  
Takoma Park subcommittee: Morelyn Weisman, Sally Brucker, Lorriane Pearsall  
Silver Spring subcommittee: Arlene Markowicz, Kathy Jentz

CNG & Hybrid technology for Ride-on Buses - Paul Chrostowski to draft a letter to DPWT in support of Hybrid technology due to cost of gas and requesting that the buses on the Montgomery College route receive the technology and put the 6 hybrids back in the budget that were originally there.

**6. Pedestrian Safety on New York at Fenton. Plans for improved crosswalks or other traffic calming in this area. Gateway Signage.**

The intersection of New York Avenue and Fenton is outside the boundaries of the City - probably a State street. Howard Stanley noted that the State is planning to install a three way stop at Fenton and New York and a raised crosswalk had been requested. Joy Austin-Lane announced that the City has approved new gateway signage and Fenton might be a good location (later correction: Chicago Avenue at Fenton as NY is outside the City), and there is a possibility that this could be installed with landscaping. Montgomery College is also working on a signage program.

**7. Time Table for the King Street Arts Center and future plans for the Fine Arts Building.**

The King Street Arts Center is privately funded by bonds and is scheduled to be completed within 17 months including a parking structure for 350 vehicles by the railroad tracks. There will be a circular access off King Street and Blair Drive.

The Fine Arts Building will be renovated by the same builder and is scheduled to begin work in January 06. They will do the Provost's Office prior to initiating work on the Fine Arts building. Will not change exterior features due to a limited budget, with the exception of windows, doors, and possibly enclosing the stairway.

Landscaping will be included.

The College will be installing utilities along New York Avenue, and will be working with the City. Future meetings will have more information on the topic.

**8. Positive partnering initiatives, ways in which the neighbors and college staff can collaborate on efforts to promote the college and its assets for our immediate neighborhood and the schools within our area.**

Tabled for a future meeting.

**9. Additional Item - Master Plan**

Lorraine Pearsall pointed out that the Master Plan needed to be reviewed. 07 is when the current Master Plan begins being updated. MCNAC needs to meet to review the Master Plan and report back to the committee: - Francis Phipps, Lorraine Pearsall, Paul Chrostowski, Arlene Markowicz, and Sally Brucker volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to review the campus Master Plan.

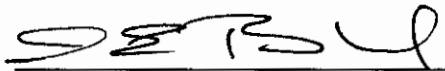
**10. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

**11. Adjourn**

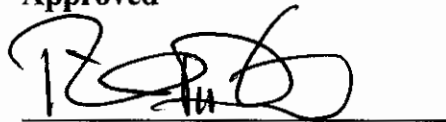
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted**



Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

**Approved**



Richard Weil, Chair